

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant(s):** Rudolf Neumann      **Examiner:** Justin Mitchell Krause  
**Application** 10/790,551      **Confirmation** 9716  
**Filed:** March 1, 2004      **Group Art** 3682  
**For:** **NEW SHIELD AND SEALING METHOD FOR A HYDRODYNAMIC BEARING**

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to the Final Office Action of October 12, 2006 for the above-identified patent application.

**FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS**

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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	12	- 20	= 0	x \$50.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 3	= 0	x \$200.00	= \$0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360.00	= \$0.00

**TOTAL = \$0.00**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 12, 2006**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of October 12, 2006, on which the shortened statutory period for response expires on January 12, 2007. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed. In reply to the Office Action dated October 12, 2006, in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicant hereby requests consideration of the following:

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** beginning on page 5 of this paper.